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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application and enter the remarks as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.